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In Re Patent Application of:  
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Title: MULTI-CYLINDER ENGINE AND A METHOD FOR ALTERNATIVELY  
PRODUCING MULTI-CYLINDER ENGINES

**STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP**

In accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) and MPEP 706.02(1)(2), Assignee, KUBOTA Corporation, residing at 2-47, Shikitsuhigashi 1-Chome, Naniwa-Ku, Osaka-Shi Osaka, Japan, represents that it is assignee of the whole and entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/799,233 ("the '233 application") was assigned to Assignee by an Assignment recorded March 12, 2004, at Reel 015088, Frame 0918. A copy of the assignment Notice of Recordation is appended to this Statement. The '233 application was filed on March 12, 2004 and the earliest priority date for the '233 application is March 24, 2003, based upon JP 2003-80349.

Assignee further represents that it is assignee of the whole and entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/242,542 ("the '542 application"), filed on September 12, 2002 and published on March 27, 2003 as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056738. The '542 application was assigned to Assignee by an Assignment recorded September 12, 2002, at Reel 013297, Frame 0241. A copy of the assignment Notice of

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Recordation is appended to this Statement. Based on a review of evidentiary documents relating to the chain of title from the original owner to Assignee, the undersigned attorney representative hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, both the '233 application and the '542 application were, at the time of invention of the '233 application was made, owned by Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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